

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2006

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: Nohemi Ferguson; The Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Donna Koch, Sheilah Curtis, Roger Granbo, Anita Lee, Robert Nagle, Lester Tolnai; Beaches and Harbors: Kerry Silverstrom; Department of Health Services: Gail Anderson; Department of Mental Health: Greg Lecklitner; Office of Affirmative Action: Hayward Harris, Jr.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:03 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 9:22 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. Gwendolyn Field v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 331 504

This lawsuit concerns allegations that an employee of the Department of Beaches and Harbors was sexually harassed.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. Melissa Hunter v. County of Los Angeles  
Pasadena Superior Court Case No. GC 034 111

This lawsuit concerns allegations of false arrest by Sheriff's Deputies.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$40,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- c. Mary Gray, et al. v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV99-7149 CBM (RCx)  
Julius Gray Jr. v. County of Los Angeles  
United States District Court Case No. CV99-11315 CBM (RCx)

This consolidated lawsuit seeks compensation for a death which occurred while in the custody of the Sheriff's Department.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$110,000 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- d. One Case - (Case Under Seal)

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above-settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- e. Sonia Escobar, Israel Portillo v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. SC 085 338

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by a patient while hospitalized at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

**The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$210,000, plus assumption of the Medi-Cal Lien not to exceed \$8,874.14 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

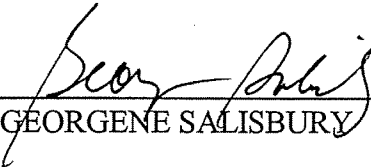
**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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Minutes for the May 15, 2006 meeting was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on June 19, 2006.

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July 17, 2006

This regular meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 8:07 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Present at the meeting were Claims Board Members: Maria M. Oms, Rocky Armfield, and John F. Krattli; Outside Counsel: Jeff Bats, Scott Boyer, Todd Theodora; The Office of the County Counsel: Narbeh Bagdasarian, Sheilah Curtis, Robert Nagle, Lester Tolnai, Manuel Valenzuela; Department of Children and Family Services: Sandy Stivers; Department of Health Services: Elizabeth Baca, Phillip Rocha; Office of Affirmative Action: Hayward Harris, Jr.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

At 8:07 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into closed session. At 8:55 a.m., the public meeting was reconvened.

The Claims Board took the following actions:

- a. County of Los Angeles v. Sandra Shewry and State Department of Health Services  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS 095 475

This lawsuit concerns payments under the State Medi-Cal Program.

**The Claims Board approved to accept payment in this matter in the amount of \$27,218 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

- b. Richard Berg v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 309 944

This lawsuit concerns allegations of racial harassment, discrimination, and retaliation.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter. The substance of the above settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following approval by all parties.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

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- c. Mervin McIntosh v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 276 217

This lawsuit concerns allegations of retaliation by an employee of the Department of Health Services.

**The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$29,973.48 as set forth in the Claims Board memorandum. In approving the settlement, the Claims Board rejected the recommendation that Mr. McIntosh be allowed to reapply or transfer into any County agency.**

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

Minutes for the June 26, 2006, and July 6, 2006, meetings were approved.

There was discussion of Claims Board policies. The Claims Board adopted a policy that if a settlement includes backpay, the total amount of the backpay is to be included in determining the amount of the settlement authority requested and whether the settlement exceeds \$100,000 and will require the approval of the Board of Supervisors.

**The vote of the Claims Board was unanimous with all members present.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 7, 2006.

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